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SUBJECT: ECE - 32ND SESSION - RESOLUTION ON THE WORK AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECE

REF: (A) STATE 97644 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 3161 (NOTAL), (C) GENEVA 3083 (NOTAL), (D) GENEVA 3081 (NOTAL)

1. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE CONCLUDED 32ND SESSION EARLY MORNING APRIL 30 WITH ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1(XXXII) ON ECE WORK AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SECTION ON HOLDING OF HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT. FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

2. IN PREAMBLE OF RESOLUTION, COMMISSION REFERRED BOTH TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY AND STANOVNIK SUGGESTIONS (E/ECE/911) FOR HOLDING OF HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS WITHIN ECE. NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS COVERED IN SEPARATE DECISION. (TEXT ADOPTED AS TRANSMITTED REF D.) TEXTS OF DECISION ON AIR POLLUTION AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY COMMISSION TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM TO ALL ADDRESSEES. PREAMBLE OF RESOLUTION ALSO SETS FORTH CRITERIA WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MET IF ANY HIGH LEVEL MEETING WERE TO BE HELD WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ECE (CAREFUL PREPARATION, NEED FOR CONSIDERATION AT HIGH LEVEL, PROMISE OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS, OF INTEREST TO WHOLE REGION, NO UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION).

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3. IN OPERATIVE SECTION OF RESOLUTION, COMMISSION INVITED ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CARRY OUT DETAILED ANALYSIS OF TOPICS WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION AT A HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ECE ON PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO REPORT ON THIS QUESTION AS WELL AS ON MODALITIES OF ORGANIZING SUCH A MEETING TO ECE 33RD SESSION. THEN, IN KEY OPERATIVE PARA, COMMISSION AGREED THAT "WITH A VIEW TO TAKING A DECISION" IT WOULD "CONSIDER CONSTRUCTIVELY AT ITS 33RD SESSION, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORTS AND THE CRITERIA...THE HOLDING AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE OF SUCH A HIGH LEVEL MEETING."

4. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED CONGRESSES ON TRANSPORT AND ENERGY, COMMISSION REPEATED ITS SUGGESTION IN DECISION B(XXXI) THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER PROPOSAL THOROUGHLY AND AGAIN ASKED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CIRCULATE SUCH VIEWS AS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE TO HIM.

5. FINAL AGREEMENT ON RESOLUTION WAS REACHED LATE FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN SOVIETS ACCEPTED NEW OPERATIVE PARA PROPOSED BY UK FOR

EC-9, DROPPING THEIR INSISTENCE ON A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE AT  
32ND SESSION ON HOLDING OF HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT  
IN RETURN FOR STRONG INDICATION THAT DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN AT  
33RD SESSION. IN OTHER MAJOR CONCESSIONS, SOVIETS ABANDONED INSIS-  
TENCE THAT PROPOSED HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS BE HELD OUTSIDE ECE, THAT  
DATE  
(1978) BE SET FOR HOLDING OF ENVIRONMENT MEETING, AND THAT COMMISSION  
CONTINUE TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS ON TRANSPORT  
AND ENERGY.

6. AGREEMENT LITERALLY AT 11TH HOUR FOLLOWED SOVIET PROPOSAL EARLIER  
IN THE DAY TO SUSPEND THE SESSION WITHOUT TAKING ANY DECISIONS AND  
THREAT TO BLOCK ALL DECISIONS UNTIL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON CONGRESS

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ES PROPOSAL. SOVIET THREATS WERE BLOCKED BY WESTERN CAUCUS DECISION  
TO ABANDON CONSENSUS TRADITION IF NECESSARY AND VOTE TO CONTINUE  
SESSION, TO APPROVE WORK PROGRAM (REQUIRED IF ECE IS TO FUNCTION  
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AFTER  
DECEMBER 31) AND POSSIBLY TO PUSH THROUGH OTHER DECISIONS OF  
PARTICULAR  
INTEREST TO WESTERN MEMBERS.

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7. WHILE SOVIETS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO CONTEND THAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY ECE IN RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV PROPOSAL AND THAT THIS CONSTITUTES IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE FINAL ACT, RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED IS FAR CRY FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND ENCOMPASSES ALL ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF US AND EC-9 POSITION, I.E., THAT NO DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT 32ND SESSION TO HOLD HIGH LEVEL MEETING, THAT DECISION WHEN TAKEN SHOULD BE BASED INTER ALIA ON THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AND NEED FOR DISCUSSION AT HIGH LEVEL, THAT OF TOPICS PROPOSED ONLY ENVIRONMENT MIGHT BE READY FOR A HIGH LEVEL MEETING, AND THAT ANY SUCH MEETING SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, US DEL AS INSTRUCTED REF A STATED THAT IT WAS US UNDERSTANDING THAT RESOLUTION DID NOT PREJUDGE NATURE OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN AT 33RD SESSION.

8. WHILE FINAL DECISION ON HOLDING OF HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT REMAINS TO BE

TAKEN AT 33RD SESSION, ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK  
IS EXPECTED TO BEIN HIS ANALYSIS IMMEDIATELY. IN PRACTICAL TERMS  
THIS MAY BE EXPECTED TO INVOLVE AD HOC MEETING IN FALL 1977 OF ECE  
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS, WHO ARE DESIGNATED IN RESOLUTION  
TO ASSIST WITH ANAYSIS, AND REVIEW OF NEW BUDGET REQUEST,  
WHICH INCLUDES ONE ADDITIONAL POST FOR ECE ENVIRONMENT AND  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION. STANOVNIK IS OF COURSE DELIGHTED WITH  
RESOLUTION WHICH PRECISELY FOLLOWS COURSE OF ACTION HE HAS BEEN  
ADVOCATING IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET INITIATIVE AND WHICH IS  
SEEN HERE AS UNPLANNED BOOST FOR ECE BY USSR.SORENSEN  
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